



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire Alarms in Group E, Division 3 Occupancies		
Code Section(s)	§305.9a, California Building Code (1998 ed) §305.9.1, California Building Code (2001 ed)		
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1. *Is an Adult Day Care Center (Group E, Division 3 Occupancy) housing less than 50 persons required to have a fire alarm system if there is more than one room used for the adult day care activities?*

No. In this circumstance, a fire alarm system is not required.

2. *Are the rooms used for adult-day care activities defined as classrooms?*

No. The activities conducted in Adult Day Care Centers [as outlined in Title 22, California Code of Regulations] do not constitute activities that are normally conducted in a classroom.

3. *Is there a definition for “classroom”?*

The California Building Code (CBC) does not have a separate, specific definition for “classroom”. However, CBC §201.1 provides that when a term, phrase or word is not defined specifically in the CBC, the definition is to be that found in *Webster’s Third New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged* (1986).